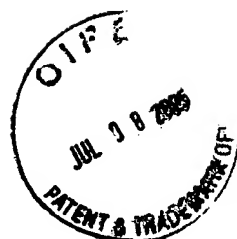


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Doak et al.  
Serial No.: 09/516,257  
Filed: February 29, 2000  
Group Art Unit: 2877  
For: Multi-Grade Object Sorting System And Method  
Attorney's Docket No. N4699  
Customer No. 23456

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following is submitted in response to the Office Action of May 4, 2005. The initial time for response to this Office Action expired on June 4, 2005. A one-month retroactive extension of time is being requested below which would extend the time for response to July 4, 2005, which is a holiday. This response is being filed on July 5, 2005 and thus it is believed that only a single month's extension of time fee is due.

**Retroactive Request for Extension of Time**

Applicant requests a retroactive one-month extension of time to and including July 5, 2005 within which to respond to the Office Action. Applicant's check in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed. In the event any additional fees are due in connection with this response, the same may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0035.

The following includes an amendment to the specification to add an additional claim to priority with a co-pending application, and includes a response to the restriction requirement set forth in the May 4, 2005 Office Action.